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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, after the title and before the "Background of the Invention," please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/764,710, filed January 17, 2001, now allowed, which is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/16101, filed July 16, 1999, on behalf of Synaptic Pharmaceutical Corporation, claiming priority of U.S. Serial No. 09/118,323, filed July 17, 1998, now abandoned, the contents of which are incorporated in its entirety into the present application.